

Howland Wood - Curatorial

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September 8th, 1920

Frederick A. Canfield, Esq.  
Dover, N.J.

My dear Sir:

The copy of the 'State Coinages of New England' was sent to you at the request of the late Mr. Miller, who arranged before he died to have copies of his forthcoming work sent to a few of those who had assisted him in getting together material for it.

In regard to your enquiry relating to a seventh variety of Obverse 16 (1787), we have not yet had an opportunity to arrange our collection of these pieces in accordance with Mr. Miller's tables, and therefore I cannot at this time answer your question.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

J/E

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD  
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DOVER  
NEW JERSEY

*Dover, N. J.,* Sept. 29th 1920

The American Numismatic Society

New York City

Gentlemen:-

I regret to say, that by a very partial examination, I find there are many misprints, mistakes, omissions, and errors in the Miller list of the coins of Connecticut. For example, there are more than fifty under the series of Obverse 33, (1787). This includes the errors &c. found in the descriptions of the Reverses paired with Obverse 33. As the Miller List will be the standard for all collectors, for all time, it is important that a list of "Erata" should be prepared and distributed as soon as possible. Will you kindly tell me if such a list is in course of preparation, and if there is, about how soon it will be published?

Yours truly

*Frd<sup>l</sup> A. Canfield*



September 30th, 1920.

Dr. Frederick A. Canfield,  
Dover,  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of September 29th at hand, and we notice what you say concerning the errors in Mr. Miller's article. Although we thought there might be a few errors, we did not imagine that there were as many as you surmise. We took Mr. Miller's word that the proof was all right, and that he had thoroughly corrected it. His death occurred before the page proof came to us, and in this last proof we caught one or two errors. Unfortunately we did not have the means of checking up and knowing absolutely what were the errors and what were not. We ourselves have noted a few since his article was printed.

If it is not asking too much of you we would greatly appreciate it if you could send us a list of errors that you may have noted. If it would be easier for you to do this by marking up a copy, let us know and we will send you a copy of his article.

We beg to thank you for calling our attention to his mistakes, and regret exceedingly that anything like this should have occurred in Mr. Miller's article.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



October 26th, 1920.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,  
Dover, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of October 21st at hand. I am sending you another copy of "The State Coinages of New England" which you may have, and I would be glad to receive later the first 62 pages of the soiled copy with what errors and corrections you have been able to note.

While Mr. Miller was alive he corrected all of the proof. After his death we did it here to the best of our ability. As for what he left out, we had no means of knowing. We are surprised, however, that he left out any considerable number of pieces. We naturally would like to know of all the pieces that he omitted, and we are wondering if you can make an extra copy while you are making your own copy. I would say offhand that we would be willing to publish them, but cannot tell you anything officially until I know more about this. This I am always willing to take up with you whenever you are ready.

I myself have copied one or two errors:  
Page 6, #29, under "With Reverse" column aa should read a.  
#38, should read GG instead of gg.  
" 8, #12, should have reverse F also.  
" 9, Reverse H should have the cinquefoil before INDE.

I think Mr. Ryder has discovered a new Massachusetts cent.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.



November 5th, 1920.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,  
Dover,  
New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Canfield:-

Your letter together with the marked copy of Connecticut Cents came this morning, and many thanks for your promptness. It will take me a little while to digest what you say and study the notes, and I will drop you another line later.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

July 26th, 1921.

Frederick A. Canfield, Esq.,  
Dover,  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter at hand concerning new corrections in the State Coinage of Connecticut. I have inserted these in our copy, and beg to thank you for these.

I suppose you have been wondering why you have not heard from me concerning this whole question of corrections. The fact of the matter is that the Journal has been discontinued, I hope temporarily, and various things we had in contemplation for it have been held in abeyance, and consequently we have done nothing except keep a book record of the changes you have given us.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator.



April 17th, 1922.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,  
Dover,  
New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Canfield:-

I beg to thank you for your letter of April 14th with corrections and additions to the Connecticut Coinage. I will file these changes with the rest of the data received though I see no immediate hope of publishing the corrections that have come in though I have it in mind.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



September 8th, 1923.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,  
Dover, N. J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

We are now preparing to get out the final number of the American Journal of Numismatics, and if we have sufficient funds we will proceed to get out corrections to Mr. Miller's "Connecticut Cents".

I am going through your corrections now, and note that you have a number of new varieties of which you said you would send on descriptions when asked for. Could you give us these descriptions now, and also if you have noticed that there are any further errors or changes since your letter of April 14th, 1922, we would be glad to have them.

Can you straighten me out on the following:-

On page 8, 1787 cents - obverse 52. The points have Auctri and Conneo - do not agree with the description of #52, on page 37. Which do you consider correct?

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.



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DOVER  
NEW JERSEY

*Dover, N. J.*, Sept. 12th 1923

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator  
New York City

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. I would say that I expect call at your office next Monday at about 10, 30 A.M. I shall bring my notes and show you such points of interest as you may desire.

The description of Obverse 52 (1787) given on page 8 (Miller) is correct. That on page 37 is wrong. I gave Mr. Miller the piece which he described.

Yours truly

*Fred<sup>th</sup> A. Canfield*



October 18th, 1923.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,

Dover, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I expect to be here next week on  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,  
and if you could come up any one of  
those days, I would be very glad to see  
you.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD  
MINING ENGINEER  
ECONOMIC MINERALOGIST

DOVER  
NEW JERSEY

*Dover, N. J.*, Oct. 18th 1923

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator

New York City

Dear Sir:-

I am expecting to call on<sup>you</sup> in the near future. If you have any set  
days when you are not in your office, it might save me a useless trip to 155th Street, if I  
knew the dates or days when you are away. I expect to bring with me some of the pieces  
on which I wish to get your opinion.

Yours truly

*Frederick A. Canfield*



November 23rd, 1923

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield  
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I find that there are a couple of questions  
which I should like to ask you -

What obverse has your new  $D^5$  (1736)?  
On page 16, do you want to say anything about Obv.8?

Have you a combination (1725)  $3^5 - D$ ?  
I noticed a pencilled notation in your book - simply  
the combination without any further remarks.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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DOVER  
NEW JERSEY

*Dover, N. J., Nov. 24th 1923*

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator

New York City

Dear Sir:-

Yours of yesterday received. The answers to your questions are-

1. The Obverse of Reverse D<sup>5</sup> (1786) is No. 3.
2. As far as I know, there is no Obverse 3<sup>5</sup> (1785) <sup>combined with D.</sup> "pencilled notation" which you observed means there are five leaves on the right side of the branch (Miller says there are four).

I think I told you that Reverses B and K<sup>2</sup> (1785) are the same.

In the description of Obverse 43<sup>2</sup> (1787) which I gave you, I say -" (by an over-strike) "

Please omit that whole phrase - there was no over-strike - it was merely a punch mark.

Perhaps you have noticed the error on page 64, second line from the bottom 1796 should be 1786.

Yours truly

*Frederick A. Canfield*



April 1st, 1924

Mr. F. A. Canfield  
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

We are sending, herewith, proof of  
the corrections and additions to the State  
Coinage of Connecticut.

Will you please look this over and  
return at your early convenience to Miss  
Earle here as I possibly may not be in the  
office for some time.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD  
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NEW JERSEY

*Dover, N. J.*, April 11th 1924 191

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator

New York City

Dear Sir:-

In your last letter to me you said that you expected to be absent from your office for some time in the near future. I now write to ask what days you will be at your place of business. I have two pieces which you should see before final proof-sheets of ERRATA (of Miller) are sent to the printer.

I have evidence that Mr. Miller was right, when he said Obverse 7, (1785) was the same die as Obverse 4<sup>2</sup> (1786). I suggest calling this piece "7<sup>2</sup>" (1785) and 4<sup>2</sup> (1786).

I have a "GEORGIUS III • REX" obverse, with an "AUCTORI CONNEC" reverse - with the usual figure of the goddess seated. Can you tell me anything about this piece? I propose to add it to my series of Connecticut cents.

Yours truly

*Frederick A. Canfield*



April 12th, 1924

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield  
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I shall be in my office here on  
Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning  
next, and shall be glad to see you if  
you can come up either of these days.

Very truly yours,

Curator

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD  
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DOVER  
NEW JERSEY

Dover, N. J., Dec. 24th 1924

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have been wondering for a long time if the supplement to Miller's Coins of Connecticut has been published. If it has been issued, kindly tell me how I can obtain a copy.

You may be interested to learn that my list of Conn. cents numbers 299.

With regards and wishes of the season, I am -

Yours truly

*Fred<sup>ic</sup> A. Canfield*

2 copies

*1 to Hyattsville  
Rogers  
Carmel N.Y.*



December 31st, 1924

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield  
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I am sending, under separate cover, a couple of the supplements to ~~Nylander's~~ Coins of Connecticut. Shortly before these went out, I went on vacation for several months, and left instructions to have two copies sent to you and supposed that this was done. I am very sorry to learn of the omission and beg to apologize. If you desire further copies, let me know and I shall be glad to have them sent to you.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator